

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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## Action: Appointments to Human Rights Commission

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Meeting Date: September 9, 2013  
Department: City Manager's Office  
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Agenda Item Number: 2D  
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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

This is an action item to appoint members to the two current vacancies on the Human Rights Commission.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) has two vacancies due to commissioner resignations. Section 2.013 and 2.270 of the Eugene Code address the HRC appointment process and the process for filling vacancies when they occur. For the HRC, the City Council is the appointing authority.

The annual recruitment for boards, committees and commissions was initiated on January 22, 2013, and concluded on March 29, 2013. The recruitment generated 15 applicants for the HRC from which the council can fill vacancies for expired terms and vacancies generated by commissioner resignations during FY 2014. Members of the council were provided with copies of the applications and interviewed six candidates in May 2013. Four commissioners were appointed to fill expired terms and appointed July 1, 2013.

The council has now been asked to vote to fill two additional vacancies due to resignations. Six councilors have submitted their votes for the following two candidates: Phillip Carrasco and Mary Clayton.

### **RELATED CITY POLICIES**

The Human Rights Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council in the development of various city policies.

### **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

The City Council may:

1. Appoint applicants who have received votes;
2. Appoint other applicants from the pool, or
3. Seek additional candidates for these positions.

## **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the appointments are made by the council.

## **SUGGESTED MOTIONS**

There are two vacancies on the Human Rights Commission. From the eligible pool of candidates, the council chose to interview six applicants. After appointment to fill expired terms, three candidates who were interviewed remain. Six councilors have submitted their votes for the following two candidates: Phillip Carrasco and Mary Clayton.

*Move to appoint Phillip Carrasco to Position 9 on the Human Rights Commission, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2015.*

*Move to appoint Mary Clayton to Position 10 on the Human Rights Commission, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2015.*

## **ATTACHMENT**

A. Results of Ballot for Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

*NOTE: A notebook containing all applications and related information was provided to City Councilors in April. Please refer to notebook for additional details on the applicants.*

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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